

MIAMI TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES WORK SESSION

NOVEMBER 10, 2014

The Miami Township Board of Trustees met in work session on Monday, November 10, 2014 at the Miami Township Civic Center. Chairperson Ken Tracy called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Ferry called the roll and present were Ken Tracy, Mary Makley Wolff and Karl Schultz.

Mr. Ed Hunt of East Tall Oaks Drive came forward to address the Board on the paving program and is asking when the paving will be done in Longfield Acres. The Board stated this has been a huge point of contention, the lateness is unacceptable and they, too, want answers. The Board explained the Township partnered with the County for a service they thought would be the best economical way to pave Township roads. Mr. Fronk explained the paving program for the two previous years was also partnered with the County and the work was done on time. Mr. Fronk stated he has tried to find out why Jurgenson has not been back to finish the work and he cannot get an answer from anyone. Mr. Fronk stated going forward they are going to expect daily updates from the County as to what is going on each day. Ms. Woff stated she will not support shared services, in the future, with the County for paving Township streets. Mr. Hunt and the Board stated they have a concern about the paving getting done this year and how will the roads that have been ground be managed if it does not get paved this year. The Board assured Mr. Hunt they are in daily contact with the County, trying to get this project done. Mr. Fronk stated Joe Braun, Township Law Director, will look at the contract to see if there is any kind of rights we can assert.

Mr. Fronk introduced Mr. Paul Braasch, Director of the Clermont County Office of Environmental Quality, who made a presentation on local government negotiating and contracting with a single hauler for trash removal. Mr. Braasch noted he is also the Solid Waste Director for Adams and Clermont Counties and he is here in that capacity. Mr. Braasch submitted a handout to the Board and explained the options. The Board noted when competition is taken out, sometimes services and quality drop. Mr. Braasch advised the Board he would be happy to help them with getting bids, talking to community groups and any other way they need help.

Mr. Fronk noted they are in the midst of preparing the 2015 budget and he would like to schedule the budget hearing for December 8, 2014. This is the date of the regularly scheduled work session and is recommending the Trustees hold the budget hearing in lieu of the December work session. This will be an action item for the November business meeting.

Mr. Fronk advised that he attended the Clermont County Commissioners meeting on November 5, 2014 regarding Orchard Valley Ditch Petition. Mr. Fronk explained two residents presented a petition to the Commissioners regarding the hole on two properties from a failed underground pipe. After testimony from both sides, and a presentation from the County Engineer, the Commissioners made a motion to approve a modification to the petition as it was submitted that would limit the assessment district to approximately 64 homes, and those 64 homes are located within the watershed of that storm system. The modification was due to the fact that not all of the homes storm water emptied into that particular storm system that is having a problem. Theirs emptied into a separate storm system. The County Engineer will get a more precise cost for repairing the pipe and determine the assessment for each of the 64 homes. Mr. Fronk explained there will be two assessments for the 64 homes. One assessment will be for the repair of the pipe and the other for the long-term maintenance. There will be another public hearing and then the repair work will begin.

Mr. Fronk advised the Electric Aggregation passed by a 72 to 28 percentage. He spoke to Energy Alliance and the process of implementing the aggregation should take about four months with it being in place sometime in April 2015. The first step will be to get our aggregation program certified by the Public Utilities Commission and Energy Alliance will be preparing the paperwork for us. It will then come to the Board as an action item. Once the Trustees approve, letters will be sent to the residents.

Mr. Fronk updated the Board on the Spirit of 76 Park & Arboretum noting the Mr. Bill Knepp, the man who developed the concept for the Arboretum and Korean War Memorial, will be stepping down from his role as advocate and fundraiser for the project. Mr. Knepp has recommended the Trustees appoint a standing committee that will advise the Board on future development and maintenance of the Spirit of 76 Park. This committee would be a recommending body to the Board of Trustees, they would have no authority to do anything in the park without permission from the Board of Trustees and if the Board is agreeable, he and Mr. Braun will work on bylaws for the committee. Mr. Fronk gave a list of volunteers who expressed interest in serving on the committee. The Board wanted to look into how many people would be on this committee and decided to continue looking into this.

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Mr. Mantel, Service Director, and Chief Madsen, Police Chief, updated the Board regarding the procedures that will be applied in enforcing the Snow Emergency Resolution. Mr. Mantel noted since the resolution was passed Snow Emergency signs have been going up around the Township. Chief Madsen discussed how the Police Department would contact residents whose cars were parked on Township roads if an emergency occurs.

Chief Madsen requested the internet auction option be removed from today's agenda.

Chief Madsen is requesting to send Assistant Chief Mills and three other officers to Wheeling, Illinois for the International Law Enforcement Educators and Trainers Association Conference to be held April 20–25, 2015. This is a train the trainer conference. Assistant Chief Mills has the opportunity to apply to teach at this conference and if accepted he and one other officer will be able to attend the training at no cost for the training. If accepted, the cost for all four registration fees, hotel rooms and food will be approximately \$2,824.00 for the week long training. They will be driving department issued vehicles.

Mr. Schultz made a motion to approve the out of Township travel request to send Assistant Chief Mills and three others officers to Wheeling, IL for the International Law Enforcement Educators and Trainers Association Conference from April 20-25, 2015 at a cost not to exceed \$2,824.00 contingent upon Assistant Chief Mills being accepted as an instructor, seconded by Ms. Wolff with all voting "AYE".

Chief Madsen requested the Board grant Conditional Employment to Andrew Bobb and Steven Pielage for the position of patrol officer. These two would be filling positions that were vacated earlier this year.

Ms. Wolff made a motion to grant Conditional Employment to Andrew Bobb and Steven Pielage for the position of patrol officer, seconded by Mr. Schultz with all voting "AYE"

Joe Braun, Township Law Director, has prepared a Release and Settlement Agreement for a Worker's Compensation related lawsuit. The \$5,000.00 settlement will actually resolve three (3) separate claims.

Ms. Wolff made a motion to approve a Release and Settlement Agreement between Lynn Mesley and the Miami Township Board of Trustees for an amount of \$5,000.00 and authorize the Township Administrator to sign the Agreement, seconded by Mr. Schultz with all voting "AYE".

Fire Chief, Steve Kelly, provided a brief overview of the Stryker Power Cot the Fire/EMS Department is considering for its ambulances. There will also be a demonstration after the business portion of this meeting and before the Executive Session.

Mr. Schultz made a motion to go into Executive Session to consider the sale or purchase of property pursuant to Section 121.22(G)(2) of the Ohio Revised Code; to discuss pending or imminent litigation pursuant to Section 121.22(G)(3) of the Ohio Revised Code; to consider confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance, or to negotiations with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance pursuant to Section 121.22(G)(8) of the Ohio Revised Code and to consider personnel issues pursuant to Section 121.22(G)(1) of the Ohio Revised Code, seconded by Ms. Wolff with all voting "AYE".

Mr. Schultz made a motion to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Ms. Wolff with all voting "AYE".

With no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

ATTEST: _____
Eric Ferry, Fiscal Officer

Ken Tracy, Chairperson